

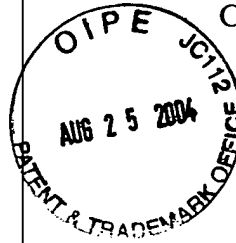
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Application No.: **10/648,811**

Filed: **08/25/2003**

For: **ASSAY OF YKL-40 AS A
MARKER FOR DEGRADATION
OF MAMMALIAN CONNECTIVE
TISSUE MATRICES**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO
ACCOMPANY NOTICE OF MISSING
PARTS**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment accompanies the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on September 10, 2001 containing instructions to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for two months;
- 2) An initial Computer readable form (CRF) copy of the Sequence Listing; and
- 3) An initial paper copy of the Sequence Listing.

Please amend the claims and/or specification as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the accompanying sequence listing (pages 1-3).